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The Honorable Ryan Zinke, Secretary  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
1949 C Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Mr. Secretary:

It was a pleasure to meet with you, Vincent and Jim on Monday, along with EEI Chairman Pat Vincent-Collawn, to explore a number of public policy issues important to the electric power industry and our customers. To further elaborate on our Monday discussions, the Edison Electric Institute Board of Directors and I would be delighted if you could address our upcoming winter CEO and Board conference in Scottsdale, Arizona, on Wednesday, January 10, or the morning of Thursday, January 11.

As you may recall, the Edison Electric Institute is the trade association for the nation's investor-owned electric power companies, and our members deliver electricity to 220 million customers in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Our winter CEO meeting is an ideal venue for you to interact with the top executives from energy companies in EEI's membership.

In light of your prominent role in the Trump Administration, our CEOs would be very interested to hear your views about a wide range of public policy issues involving energy, federal lands and the environment, including the paramount importance of easing barriers to the siting and permitting of critically needed energy infrastructure, such as transmission lines and natural gas pipelines. We also would appreciate your thoughts on ongoing regulatory reform efforts generally, including potential changes to species and avian regulatory frameworks in particular.

We envision remarks of approximately 25-30 minutes, followed by a brief question-and-answer period with our Board members. We can certainly be flexible in seeking to accommodate your schedule. As a planning matter, our CEO conferences are entirely closed to the news media. Our conference next January will be held at the Fairmont Scottsdale Princess.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Tom Kuhn'.

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